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Attached please find our response to the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application.

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In re Application of: Frum et al.	Group Art Unit: 1763
Application No: 10/615,159	Examiner: George A. Goudreau
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Filed: July 7, 2003	Attorney Docket No: 007352 USA/ETCH/DRIE/JB
Title: INTERFEROMETRIC ENDPOINT DETECTION IN A SUBSTRATE ETCHING PROCESS	December 13, 2004 San Francisco, California

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Examiner Goudreau:

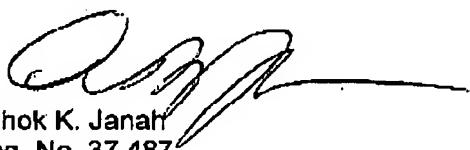
In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 12, 2004, Applicant elects, without traverse, the claims corresponding to Group I as defined by the Examiner, namely claims 1-11 drawn to a method for etching a substrate. Since the Examiner has indicated that claims 1-11 are allowed, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to cancel claims 12-22 in order to place the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,
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